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## Hear! Hear! Fair Warning!

Saturday evening January 18, there were 780 names on our mailing list marked 50-01. That means that the subscriptions of 780 people expired on Dec. 31, 1901 which have not yet been renewed. What does this mean? It means that every issue of the EVANGELIST the Board mails these 780 papers at a cost of three cents each or \$23.40 which would mean a loss out and out if these people all refused to renew. This loss at the rate of \$23.40 each week or \$93.60 every month or \$1123.20 a year. Who is to blame? All you whose labels are stamped 50-01 who have not yet renewed, what is the best thing to do? To discontinue every EVANGELIST marked 50-01 on Feb. 1st. This we are compelled to do. You have had seven weeks notice and we will be compelled to discontinue all EVANGELISTS marked 50-01 on Feb. 1st. Please act and act at once.

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## Personal Mention

Brother J. H. Swihart is holding meetings at Flora, Ind. One accession has been reported.

Brother Darling is holding forth at Atwater, California, and announces good interest, but no accessions yet. Brother Shively is with him.

We have had no report from the Johnstown meeting for more than a week, but at that time there were already 22 accessions, and the interest good.

Two more accessions are reported to the Fairview congregation by baptism. These are in addition to those already reported by Brother Yoder from that place.

The work in Washington is moving forward very satisfactorily. Last week three accessions were reported, probably the same as those mentioned in Sister Lemon's report; on Sunday night five more made application for membership. This surely is quite encouraging.

We are glad to be able to give the readers of the EVANGELIST a rich treat in the symposium on "Bible Study and Its Relation to the Christian Life, and to the Work of the Church," by Brethren Miller, Furry, and Yoder, three among the brightest lights in the church.

Brother J. L. Bowman began revival meetings in the Pike congregation last Sunday evening. Recently he has been unanimously re-elected to a third year's pastorate in the Vinco charge. The outlook for successful work is better in every way, he says, than in previous years.

Brother Kimmel continues his meeting in the Dayton Mission and there have been 25 accessions reported. Brother Beachler preached for him on Monday night and both the attendance and the interest were good. A report of the meeting will appear in the EVANGELIST later.

Sister Simmonds writes that the Elkhart city revival is in progress with good interest. The Dunlaps church is moving along as usual with services every two weeks, an evergreen Sunday school equipped with an able corps of teachers and officers, and an active S. S. C. E.

Just as we go to press the following card was received from brother W. H. Miller: "I received word announcing the death of brother J. M. Bowman, Sunday January 19." As late as this week we have an article from Brother Bowman headed: "Complete It Christ." This the brother has now realized. More later.

We acknowledge the receipt of a Goshen, Ind., paper containing a portrait of Brother Rench, the pastor of the Brethren church in that city, and also a out of the prospective church building. A lot has been secured, and the members are heartily at work raising funds for the new church.

The Mazon town, Pa., congregation seemingly has come up thru great trials and tribulations, but judging from the report by Sister Sterling in this issue, the work is once more prospering and the prospects for the future are brighter. Twelve have been added to the church as a result of a meeting conducted by Sister Sterling.

Brother Koontz reports one more accession to the Conemaugh congregation, at the regular Sunday services, Sunday January 12. He says they are ready to fight the saloon once more. We trust Brother Koontz and his people will be as successful in the fight as they were before. The man who fights the saloon, fights the devil, and while the fight may be a hard one, victory is sure some time.

Our readers will be pleased to learn that Brother Holsinger has improved at least some in health and is able once more to communicate with the Brethren thru the columns of the EVANGELIST. The Publication Board is receiving orders for Brother Holsinger's book. This book should have a place in the library of every member of the Brethren church.

Brother T. H. Plew, Dutohtown, Indiana, writes: "It is with pleasure we report the return of eight young men who had wandered away and one from the G. B. church, making nine in all who now say by their action and testimony that they are tired of sin. This outpouring took place at our prayermeeting Thursday evening, January 9. We are wonderfully encouraged. Readers of the EVANGELIST must have observed the reports from week to week of sinners coming to the Lord Jesus at regular prayer meetings. This speaks volumes for the prayer meeting in its influence over the wayward and the unconverted.

Please read what Brother Lighty, secretary of the Board has to say in reference to unexpired subscriptions. Suppose that on February 1, these names should be dropped from the list, each one will have received five papers, which at three cents each means 15 cents. That is, each of 780 persons will owe 15 cents or \$117.00. To you it means 15 cents, and probably you think the Board should not ask for it, but to the Board it means \$117.00.

Again we call attention to the reports by Brother Cassel, one of the Chicago Church Fund, and the other of the National Mission Board. It is to be hoped that those churches which have not yet contributed to this fund will do so at once. It may be necessary too, as Brother Cassel says, that those who have already given will need to give more if the amount is to be raised. We have all confidence in the Brethren that the full amount will be raised, but we regret the tardiness of some.

Brother J. G. Winey writes: "Yesterday I preached my first sermon in Sunfield, Michigan, for the year 1902; had a good congregation considering the amount of sickness in the neighborhood. One member was taken into the church in full fellowship by relation. I think others are near the kingdom. The S. S. C. E. here has recently swelled their ranks by the addition of four new members. The cause is prospering. We ask an interest in your prayers."

Brother Geo. Barnhart, of Indiana, writes: "We have had the EVANGELIST in our home for 12 or 14 years and we think we know the value of it. If the paper were in every home in the brotherhood, our people in many places would not have so much difficulty in keeping in line with the doctrine and teaching of the Brethren church. This would bring about more love and more of the Christlike spirit; then, too thru the columns of the paper we can become acquainted with the entire brotherhood." The letter of Brother Barnhart's was accompanied with the remittance for several subscriptions for the paper with the statement that while he was not an authorized agent, yet some times good can be done and the subscription list increased with a little effort or sacrifice on our part. We hope others will do likewise.

The brotherhood is always glad to hear that Brother Bashor is in the field preaching. He is at Udell, Iowa, where the Mission Board of the District has sent him to do some work in quickening the church and enlarging its interests. The congregations have increased till the house is well filled. There has been little or no preaching for a year and the house has been closed. Much friction has existed, but there is a spirit of devotion yet remaining. From Udell Brother Bashor will go to Carleton to assist Brother McFaden in a series of extra services. At the close of his letter Brother Bashor says: "I stopped over a few hours at De Moines. Brother Flora was away. Sister Flora was at home. They should be kept in the evangelistic field, as they have no family to keep them at home. Their only son is a pharmacist and is on the road doing well. I see my old friend Schisler is at work at Lordsburg, Cal., and is acquitting himself manfully. I told him years ago that he could do just that way if he would. He thought I was no prophet, but I knew I was."

The day after the College celebration, Brother Miller received the following letter from Rev. A. H. Smith, pastor of the most prominent church (Lutheran) in Ashland; a scholarly man, an excellent preacher, and one who is greatly interested in Christian institutions of learning:

Dear Brother Miller: I see by the papers that